



Integrated Employment Committee Report

January 24, 2014 – May 15, 2014

Chairman: John Black

Committee Members: Dave Cutty, Traci Gruenberger, Matt McMahon, Charles Ryan, and Melissa Van Hook

Staff Support: Michael Leyva

Since the last Full Council Meeting the Integrated Employment Committee met once on May 8, 2014. The following items were discussed and action taken.

1. The Committee discussed a Proposal submitted by Partners in Brainstorms to examine and assess entrepreneurship and self-employment as a viable strategy for increasing opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to participate in the labor force. The Committee approved Year 1 of the Proposal in the amount of \$48,985. Deliverables will include reports and summaries for the following: Work Plan, Identification of Best Practices for Self-Employment Programs for Individuals with DD across the United States, and Identification and Analysis of Self-Employment Services in Arizona.
2. The Committee approved funding in the amount of \$8,400 for the Council to conduct six Employment First Regional Forums. The Forums will be held in the summer of 2014 in the communities of Flagstaff, Lake Havasu City, Phoenix, Sierra Vista, Tucson, and Phoenix. Forums are designed to gather input and data from stakeholders to develop an Employment First Strategic Plan.